





I have a sensitive stomach. Air conditioning gives me bad runs. Frozen desserts give me bad runs. Milk, even if I drink it really slowly, gives me bad runs. Just thinking about bad runs gives me bad runs.

-Masashi Kishimoto, 2007

岸本斉史

Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** (Mechanism). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.





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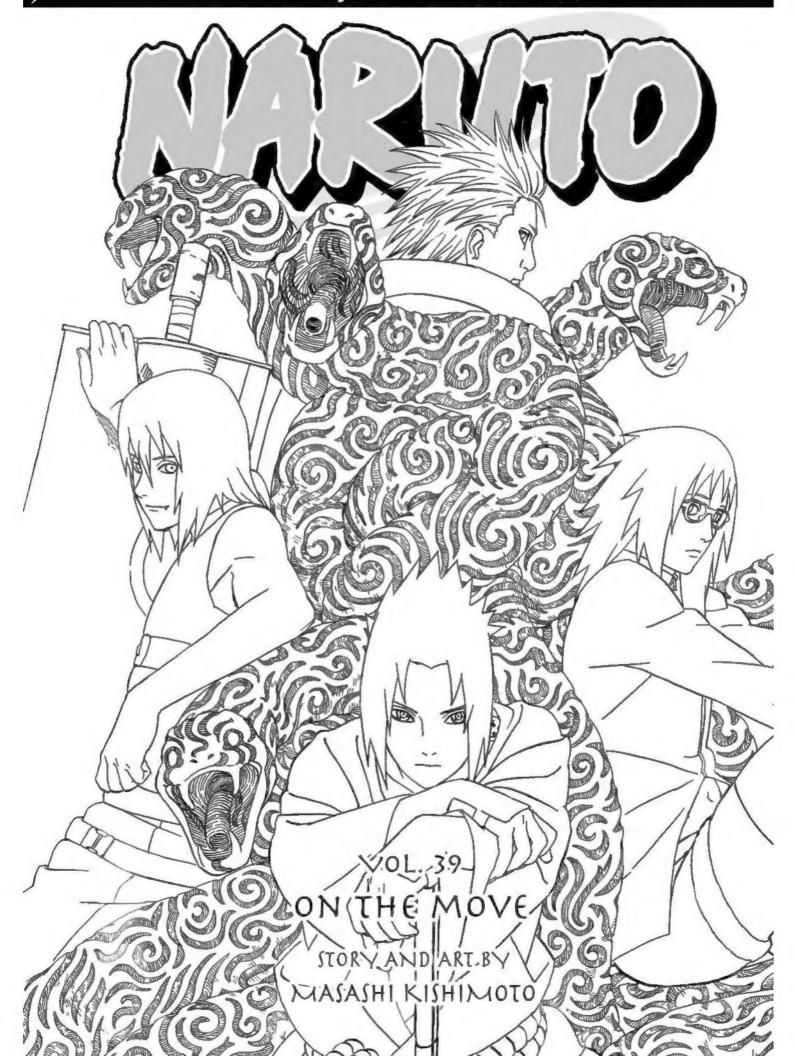


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NARUTO is rated T for Teen and is recommended for ages 13 and up. This volume contains realistic and fantasy violence.

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Once the bane of the Konohagakure Ninja Academy, Uzumaki Naruto now serves dutifully among the ranks of the Konoha shinobi—an illustrious group of ninja sworn to protect their village from the forces of evil seeking to destroy it from without and within...

While the threat of the criminal organization known as the Akatsuki looms ever-present, Naruto's former classmates—Shikamaru, Choji and Ino—embark on a mission to find Captain Asuma's killer. And when their quest brings them into conflict with Kakuzu—one of the Akatsuki's deadliest members—it's Naruto who takes the enemy down with a display of power that rivals even the Fourth Hokage himself!

Meanwhile, Uchiha Sasuke continues down the dark path he set out upon when he joined Lord Orochimaru, one of Konoha's greatest foes. Convinced he's learned all he can from his dark master, Sasuke betrays and kills Orochimaru. With one of his goals accomplished, he begins assembling a team of powerful allies in order to achieve his ultimate goal—the destruction of his brother, Uchiha Itachi! Having enlisted the swordsman Suigetsu and the tracker Karin, there remains but one last person for him to recruit...





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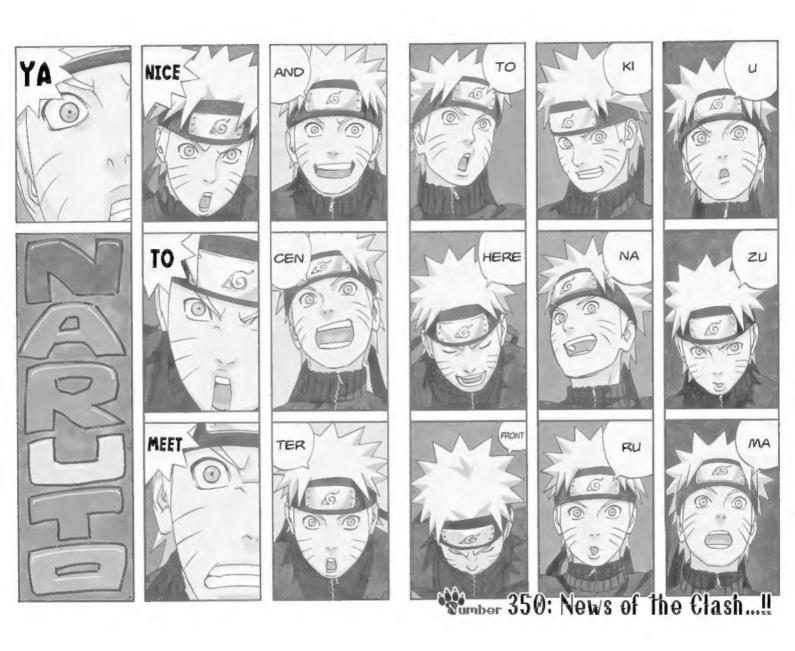
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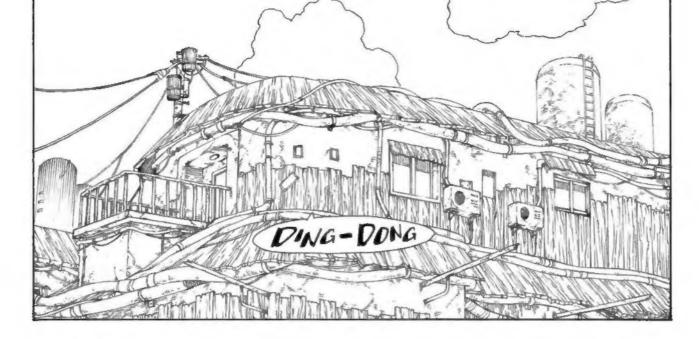
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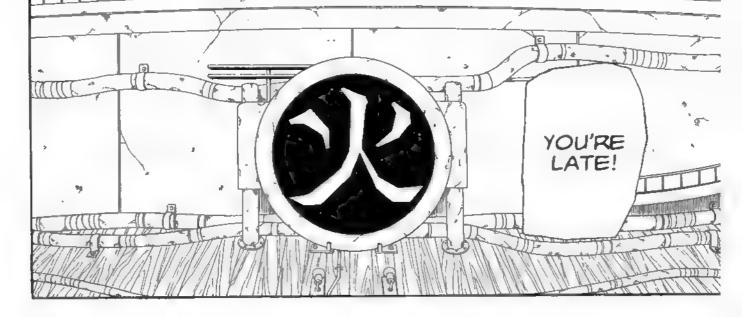


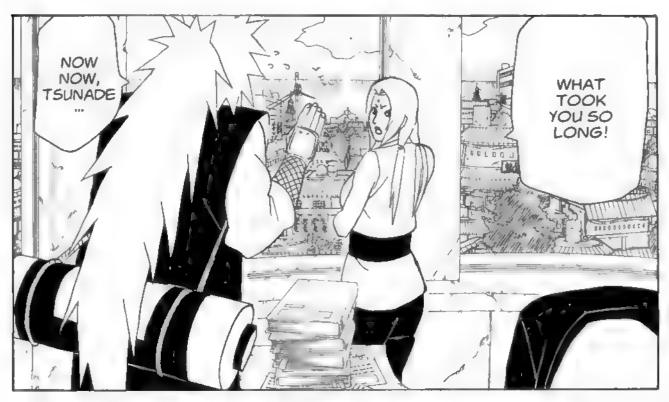




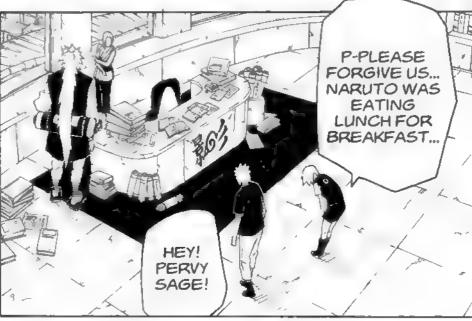
















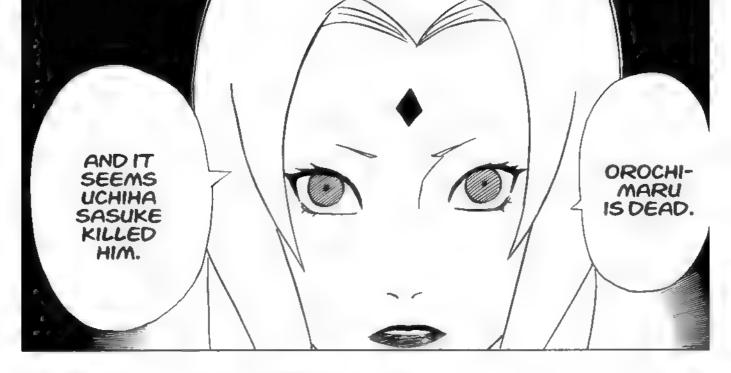


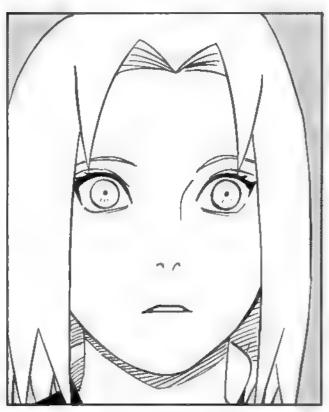




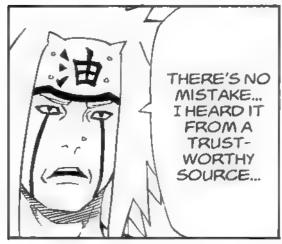








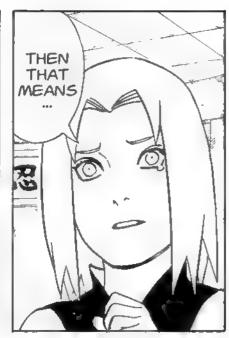


























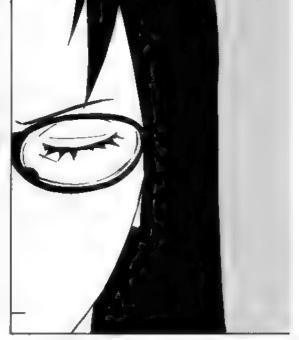












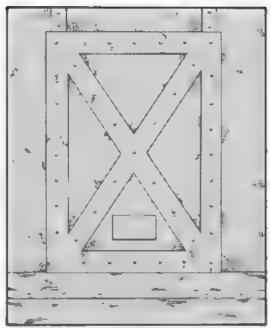


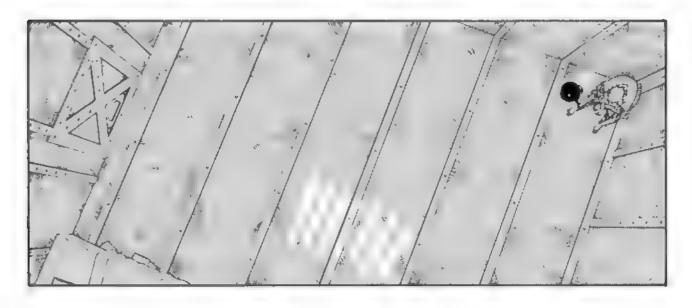














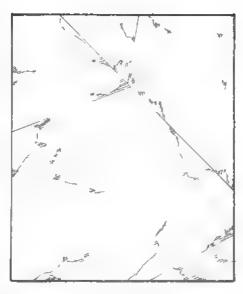
















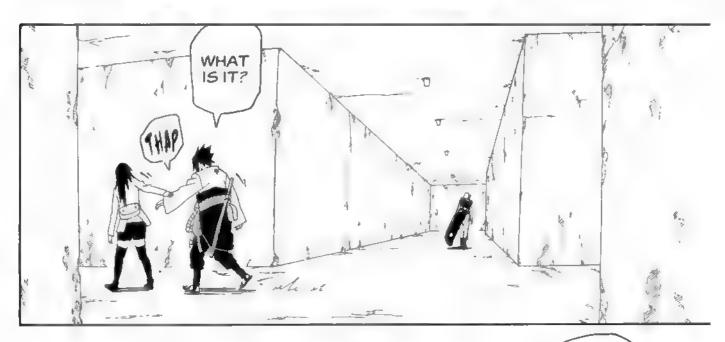


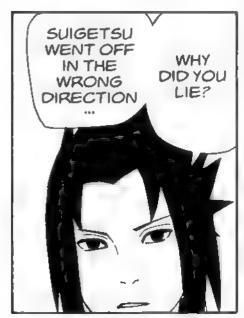










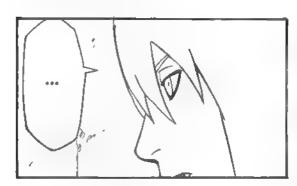








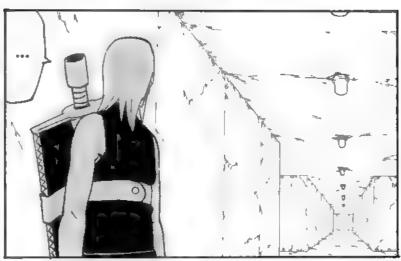


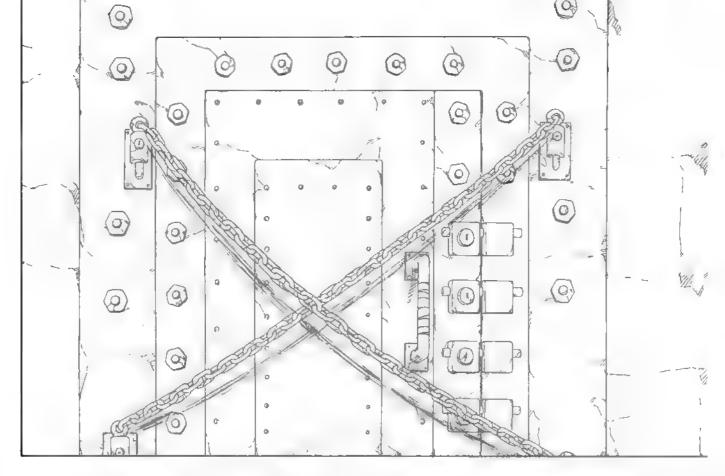


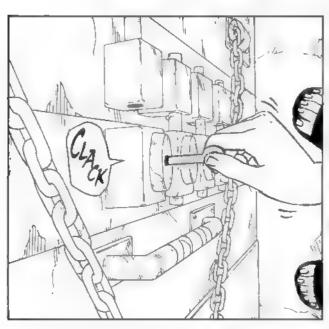


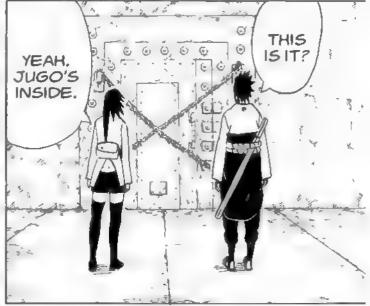






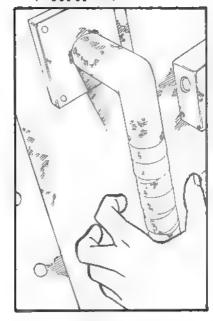


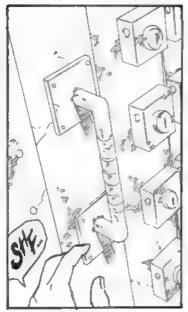




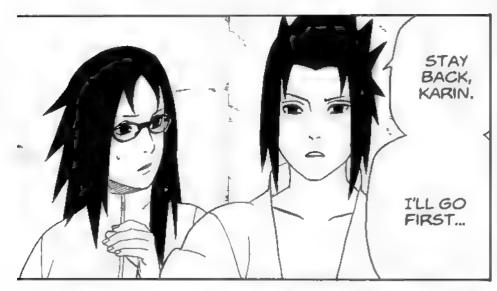


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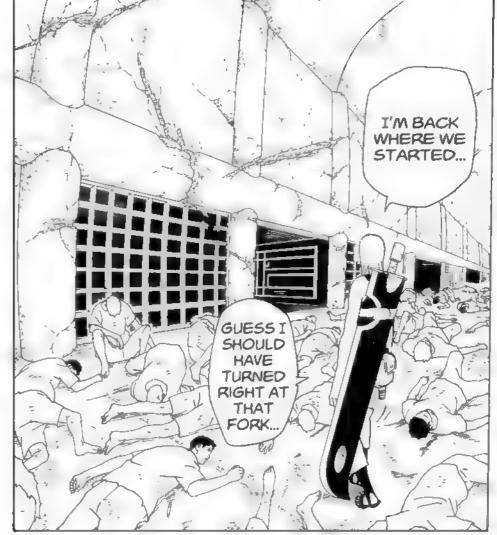




























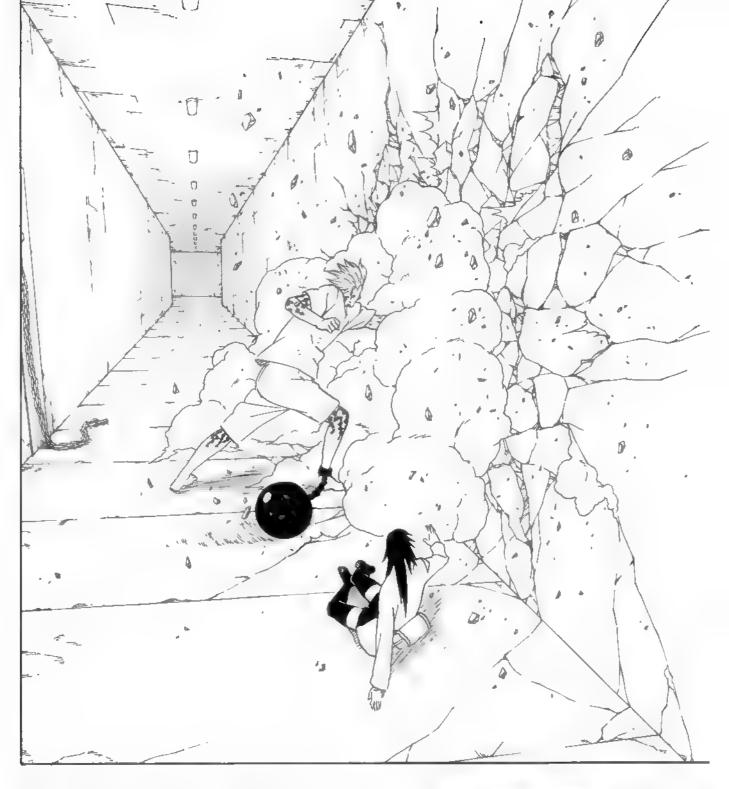
















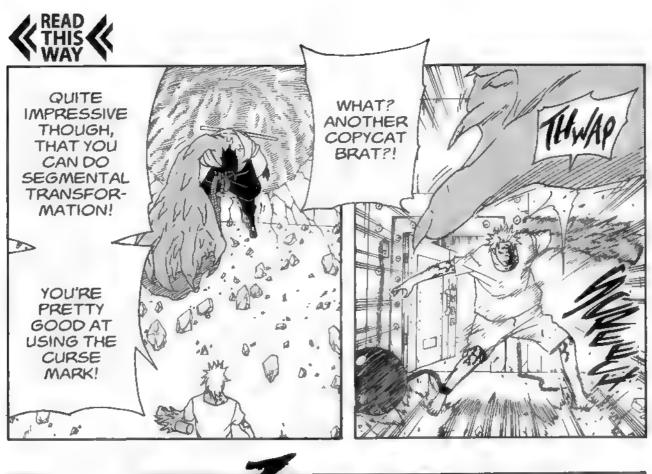






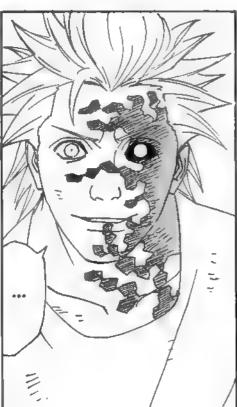






































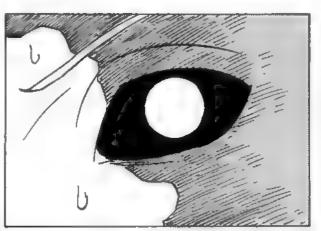


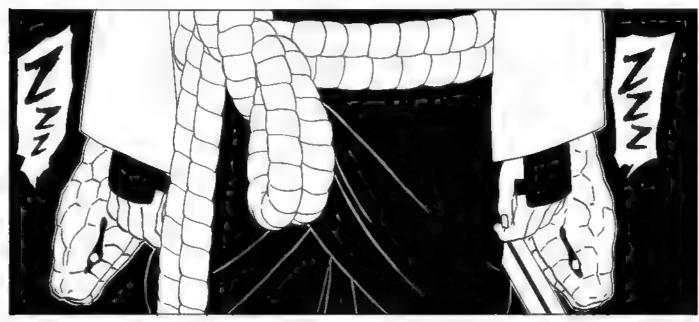








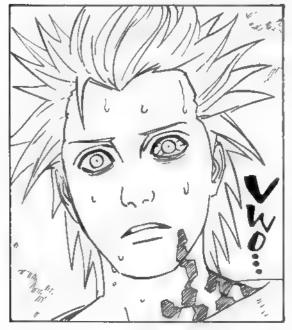








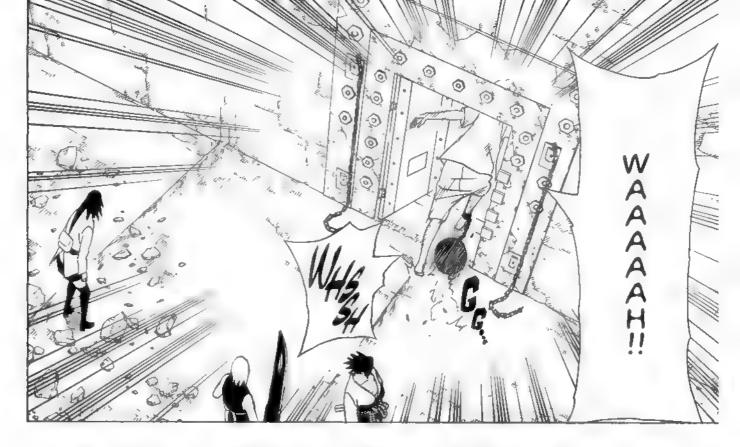




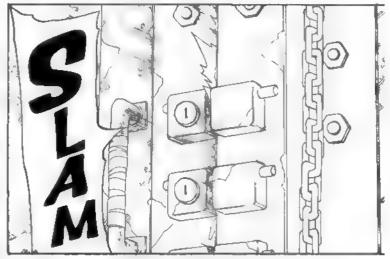














































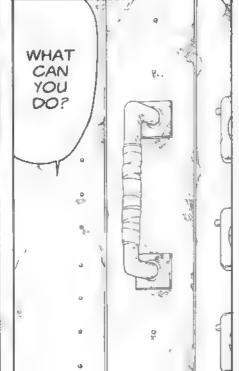






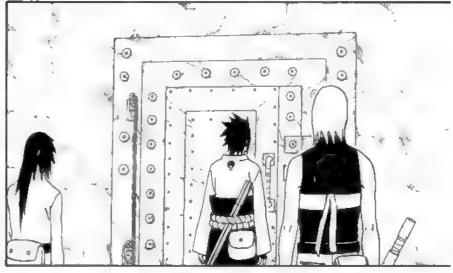


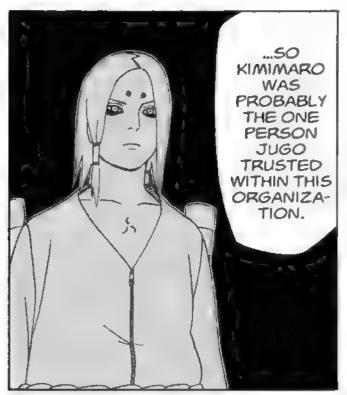






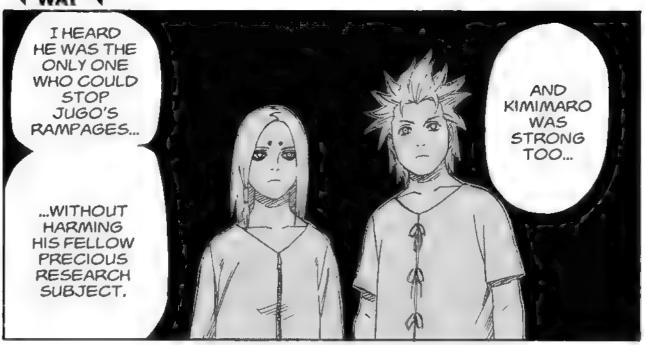












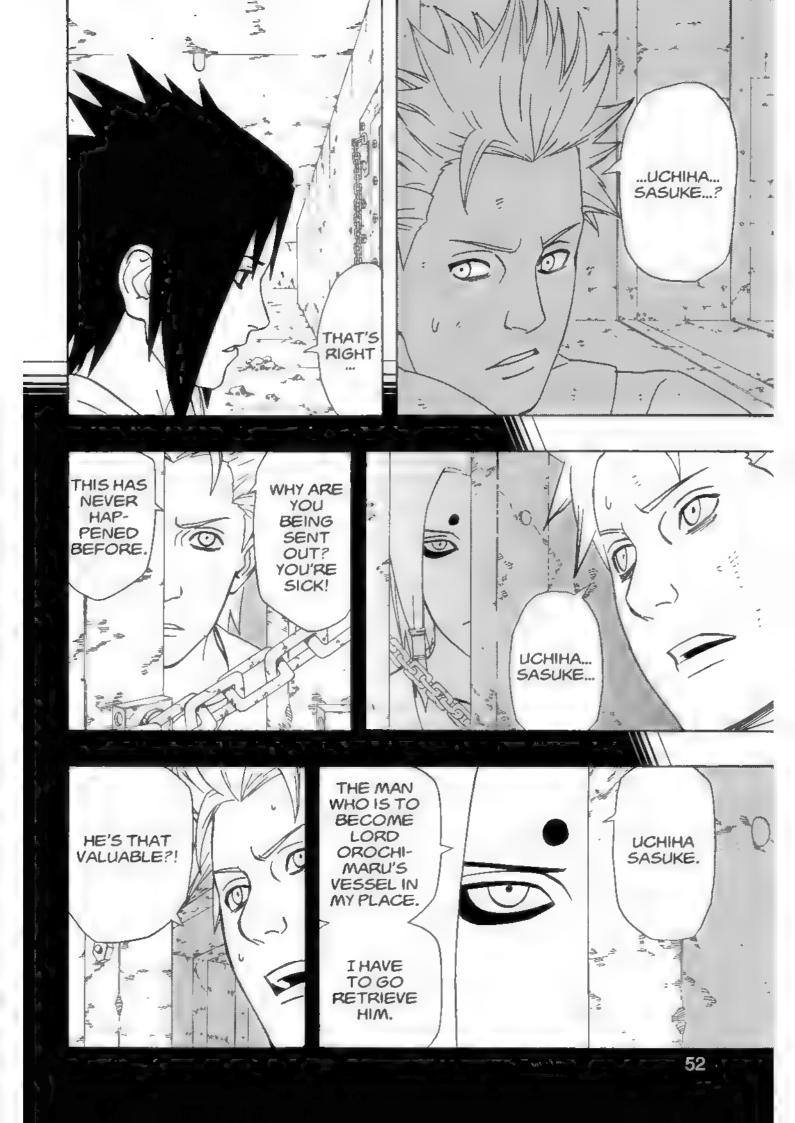












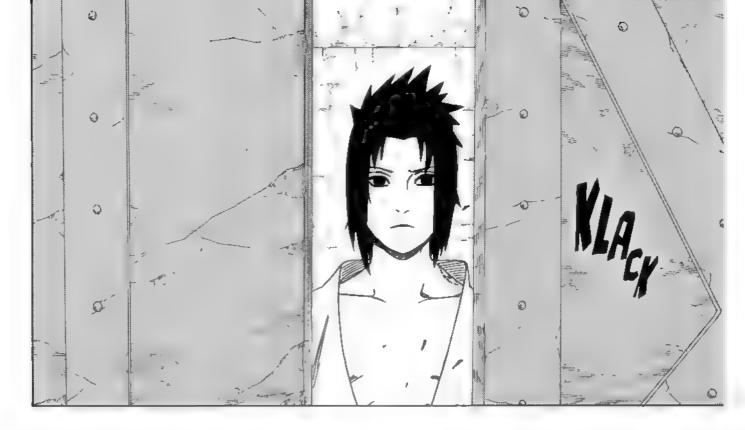




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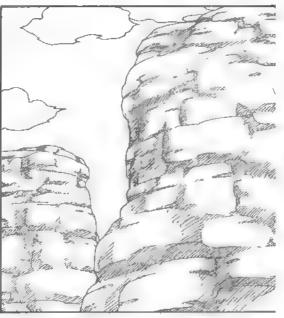




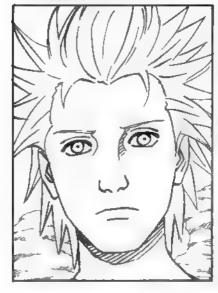




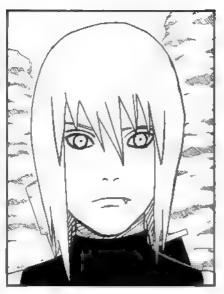


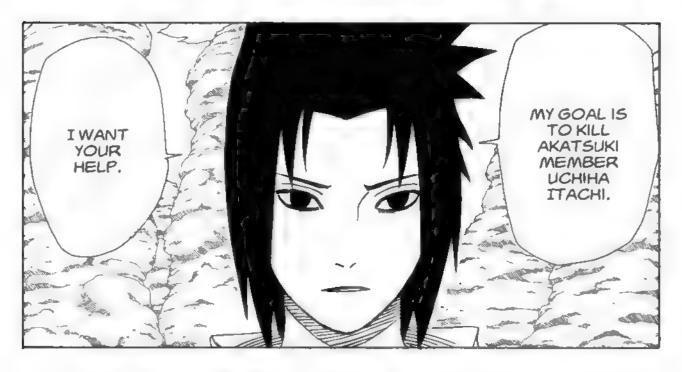










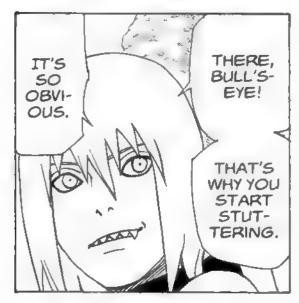






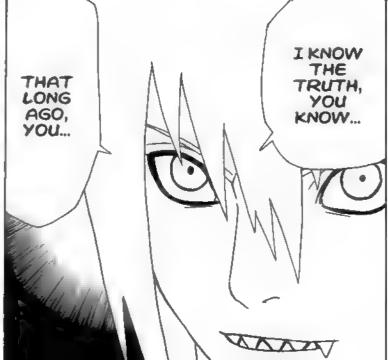


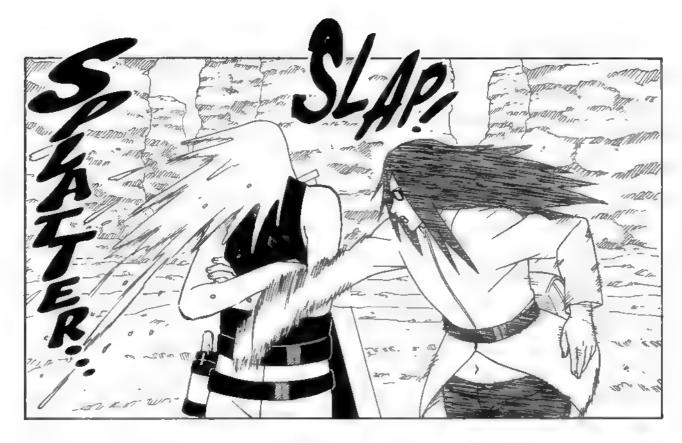


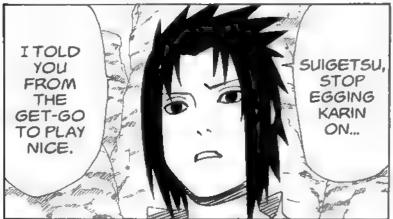


















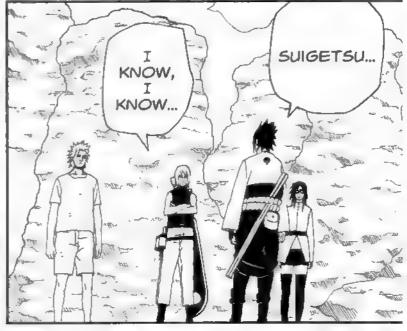




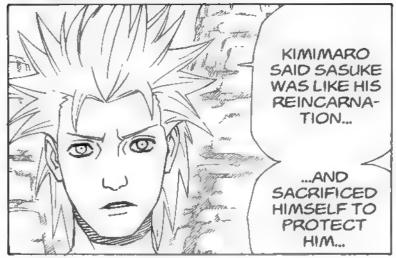




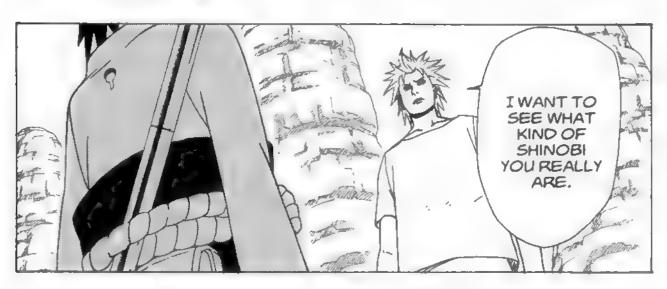














































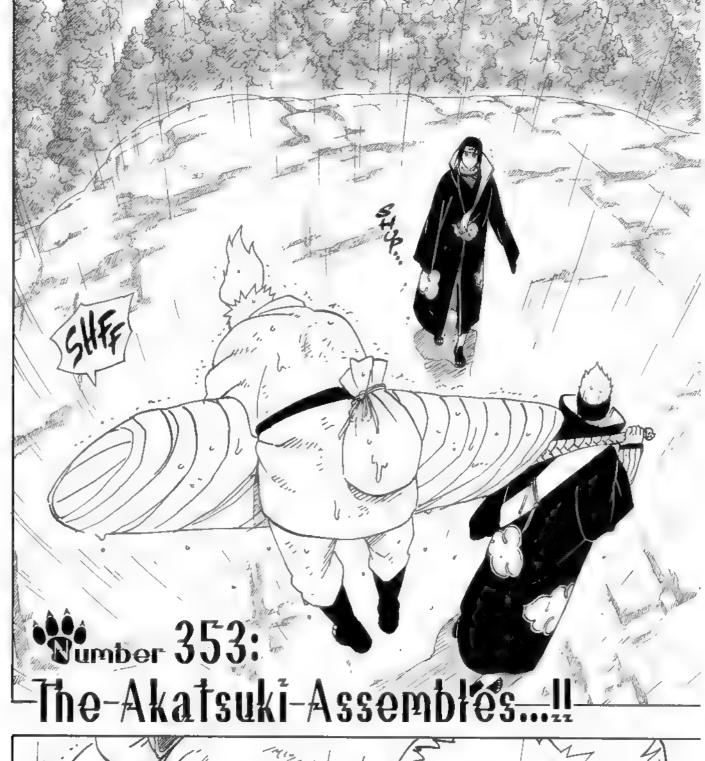






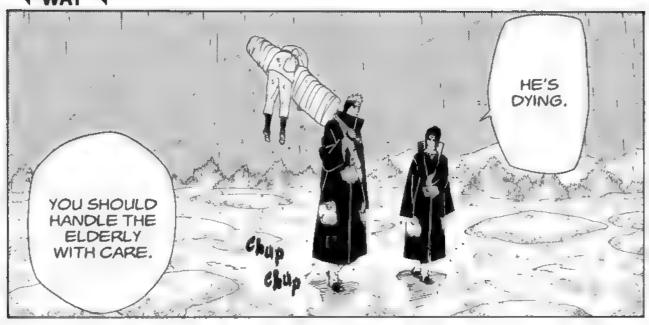






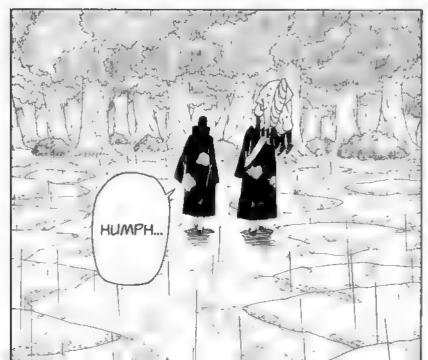


















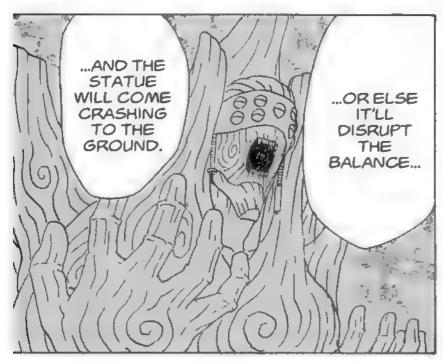
























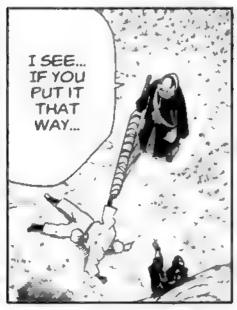


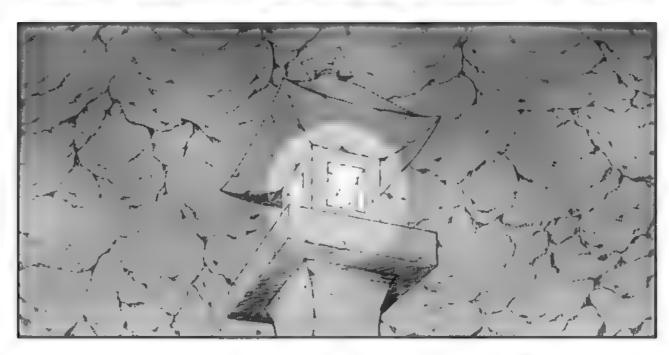


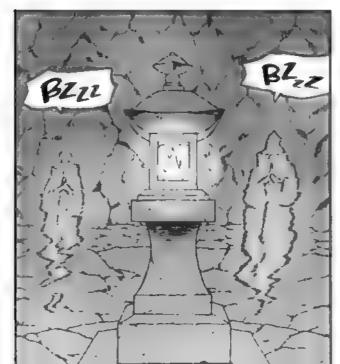


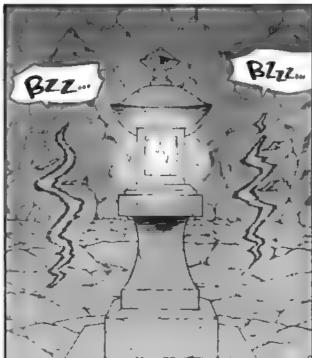


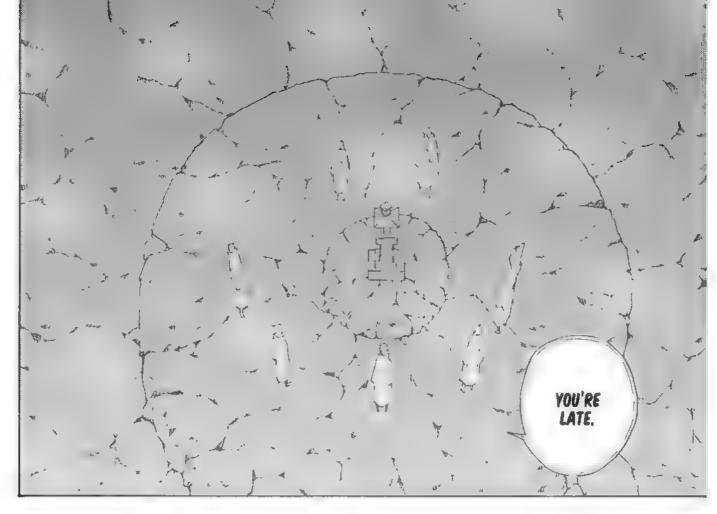


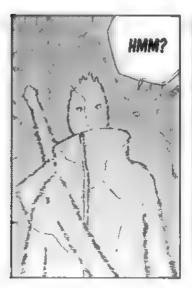






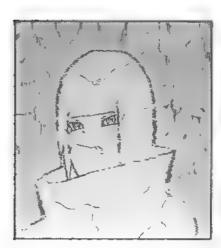






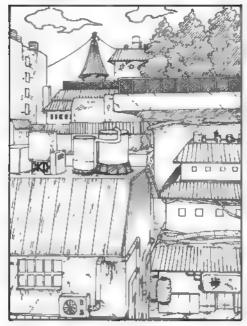
























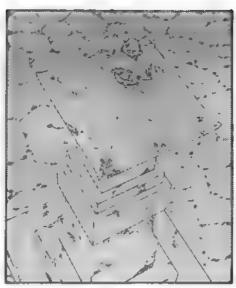




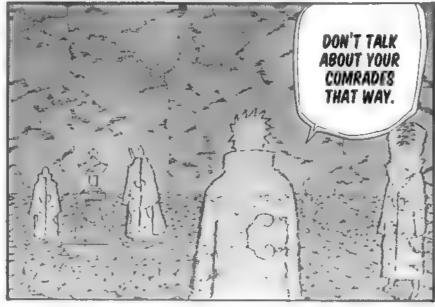








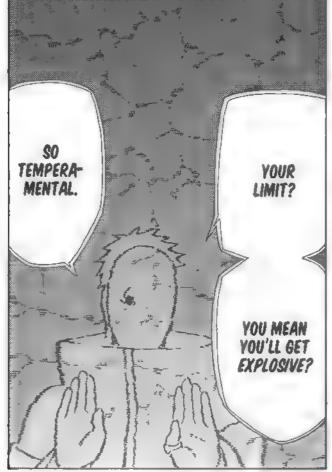




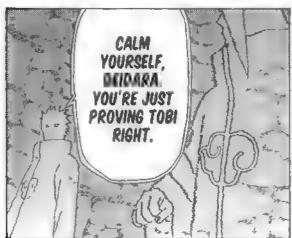
















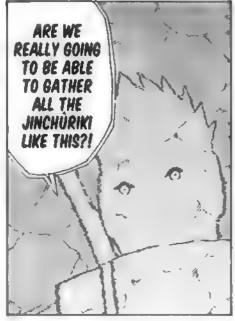


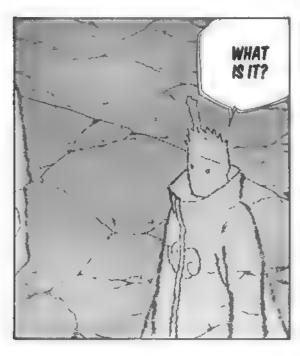


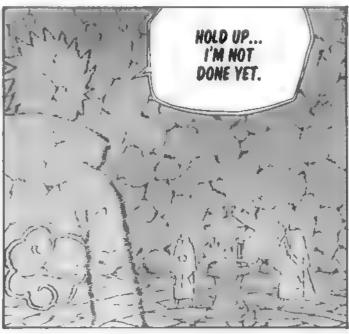


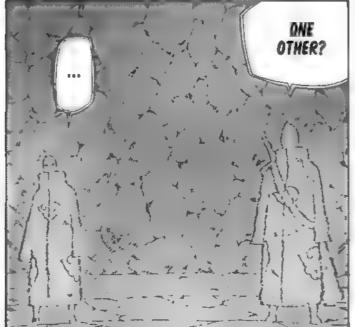


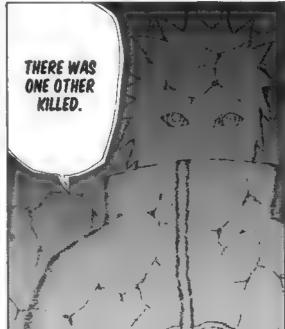


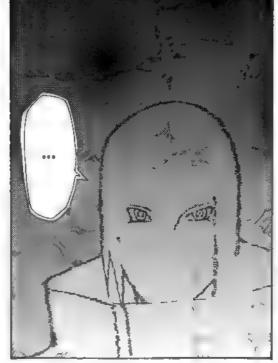


















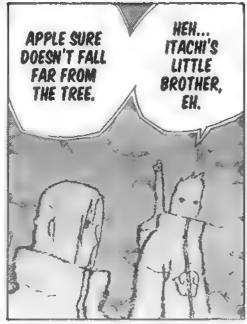




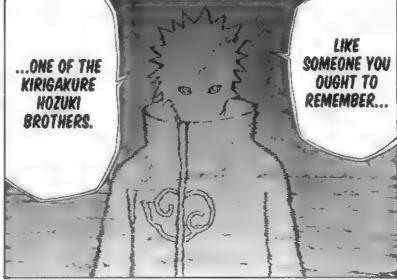


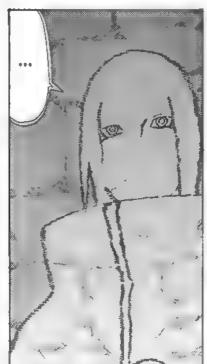




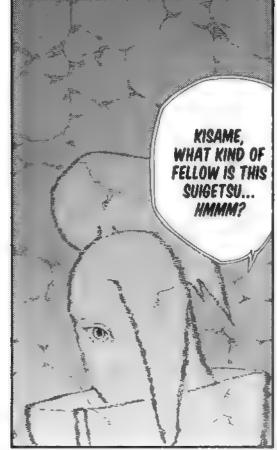




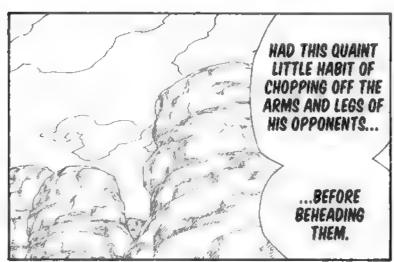




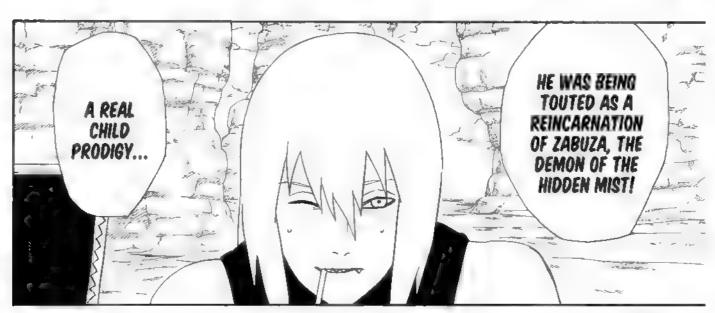








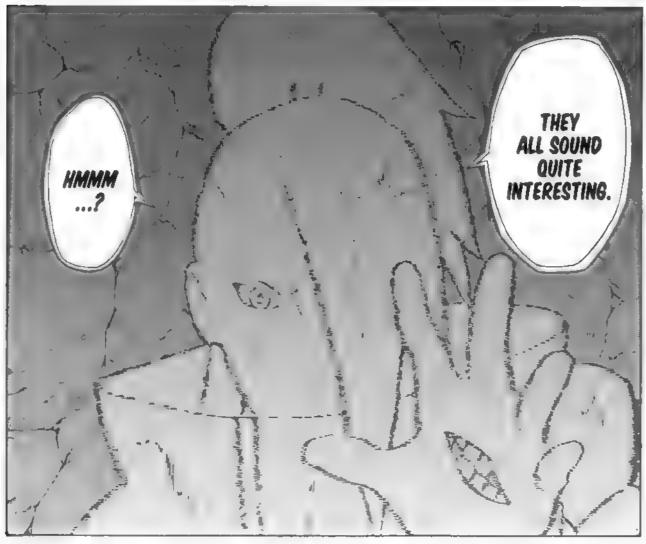














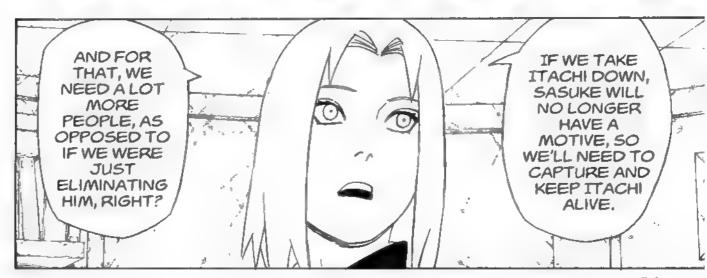














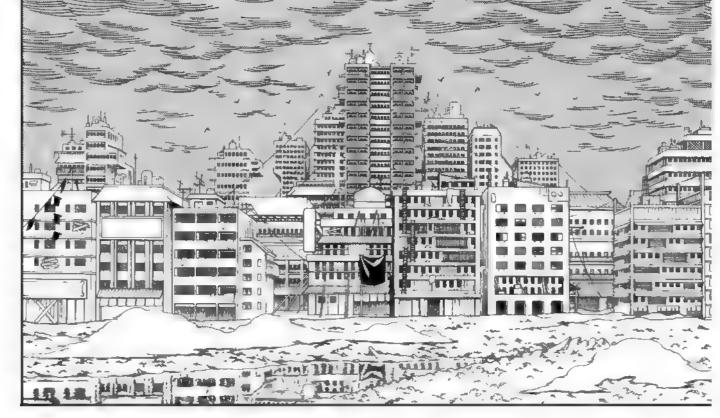




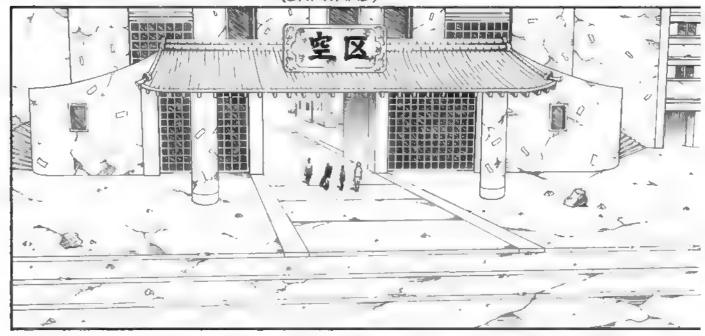








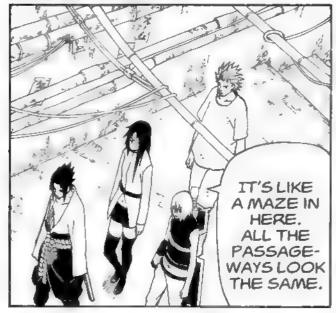




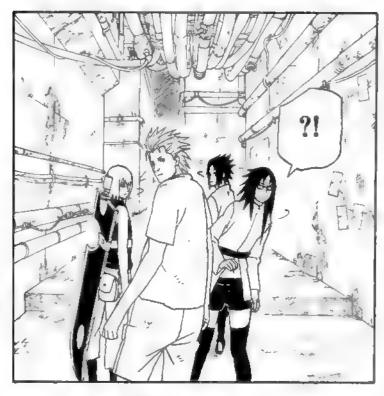






















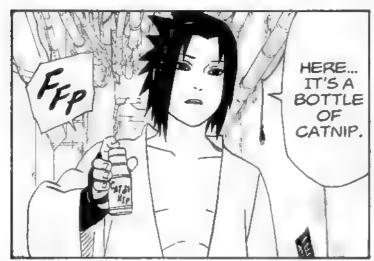






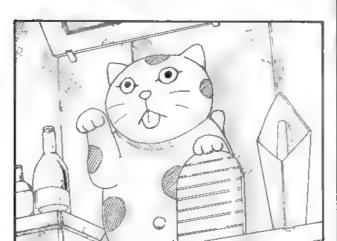










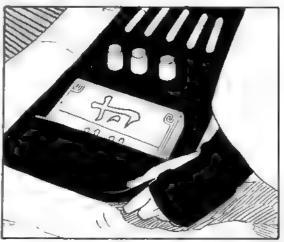












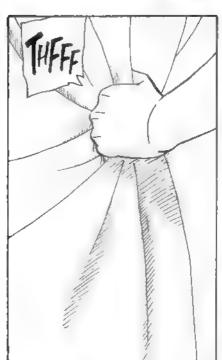










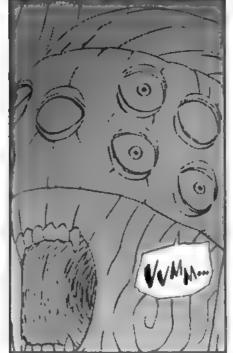


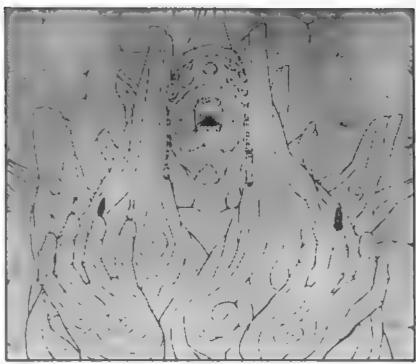


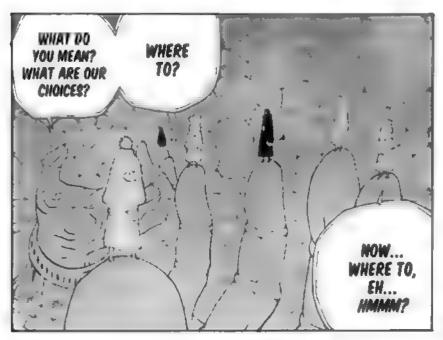












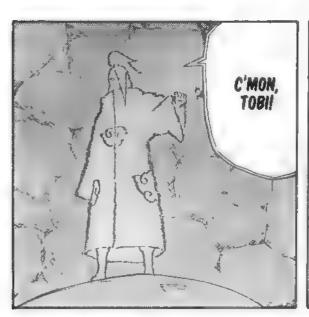






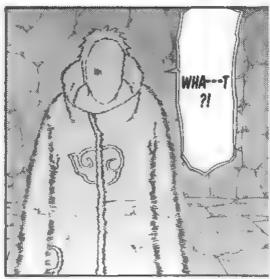








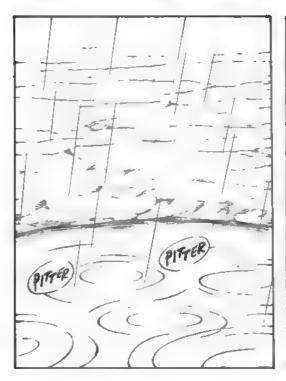


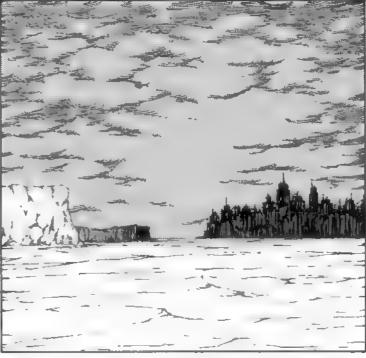












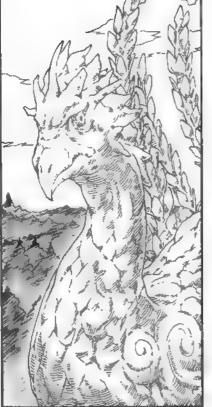


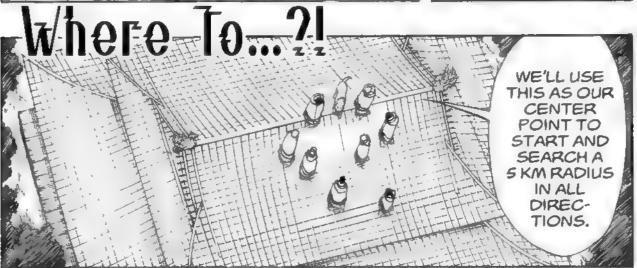






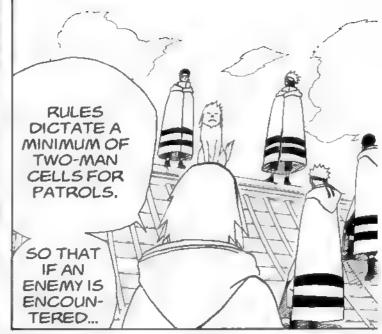


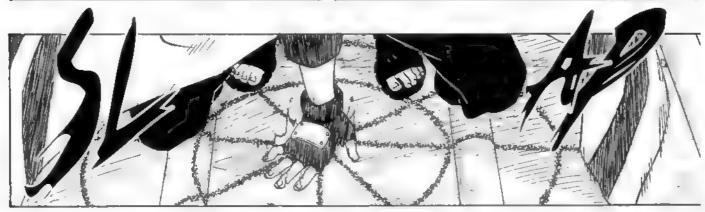
















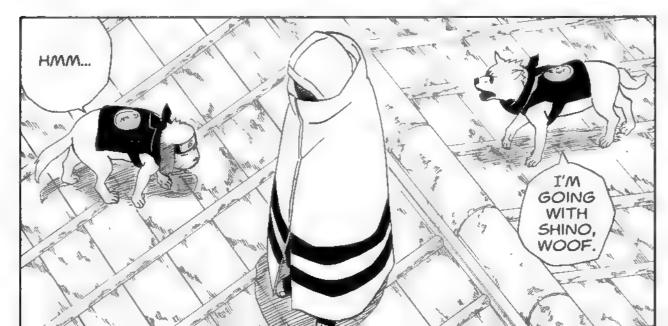




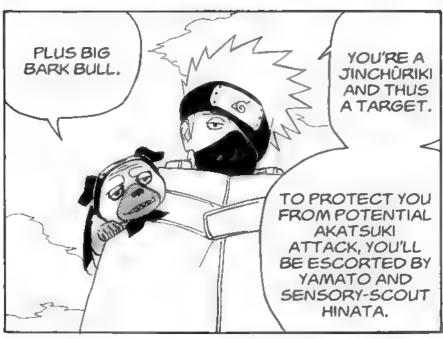














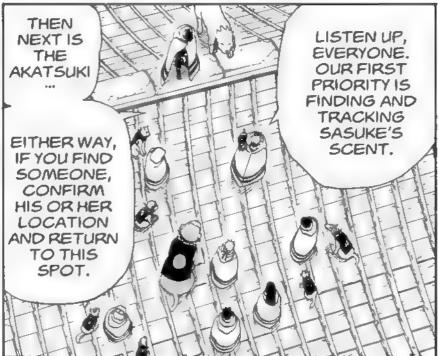


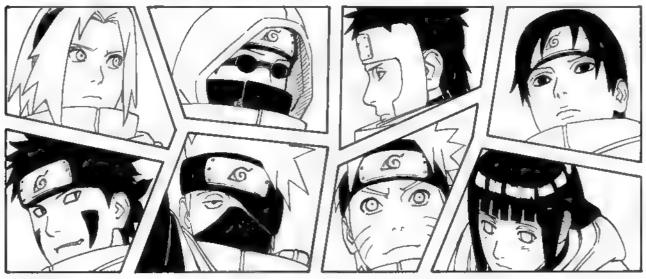


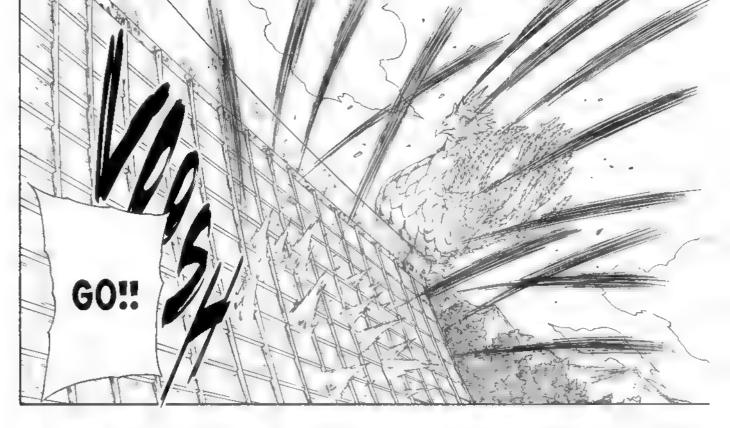




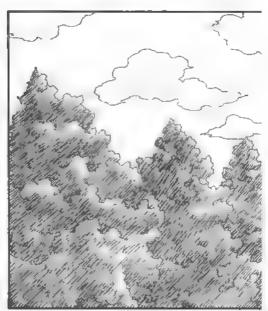
















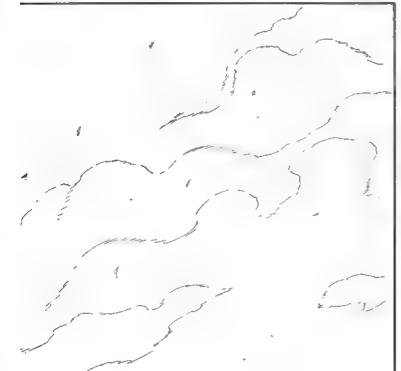
















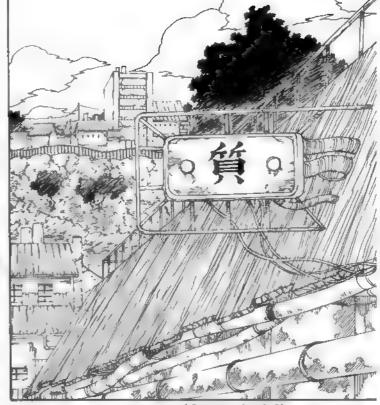




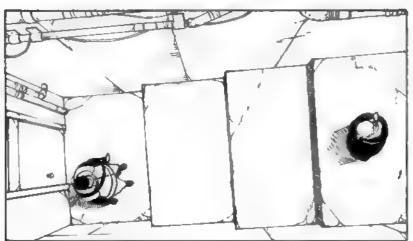








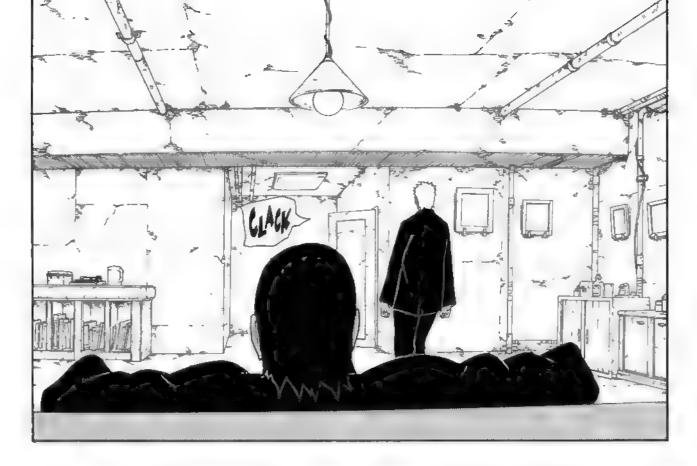
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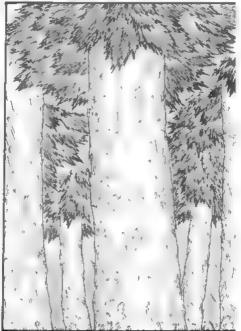




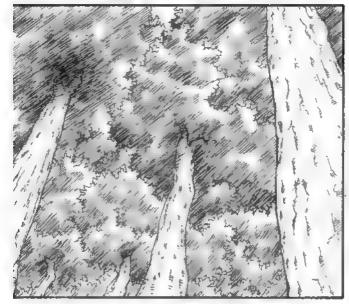


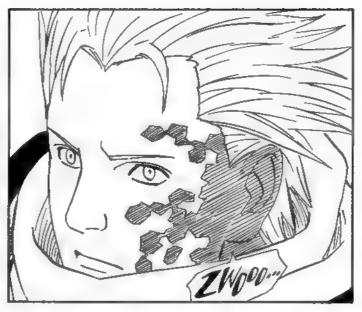


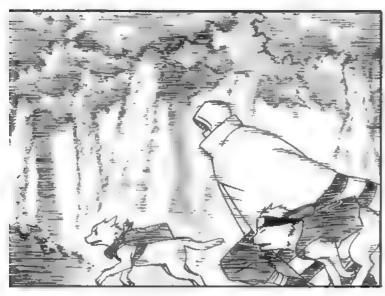


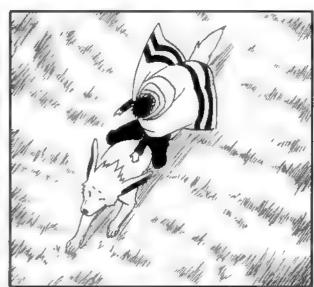






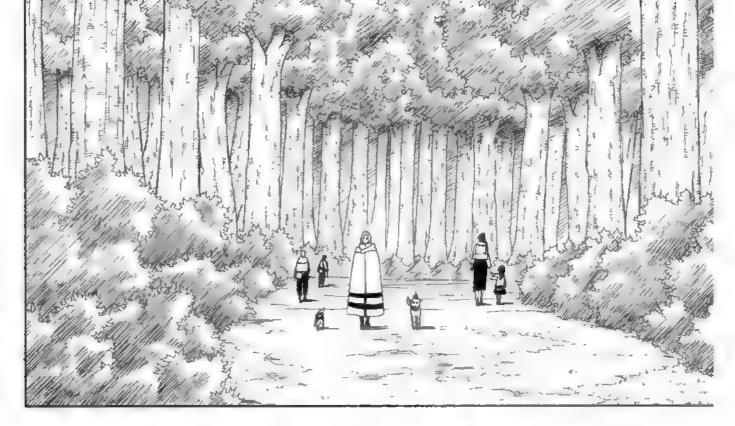






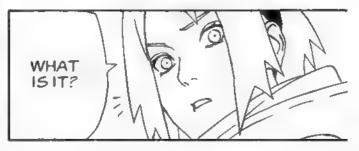














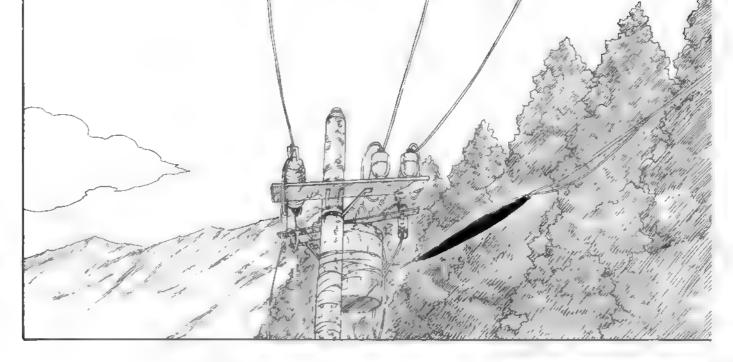


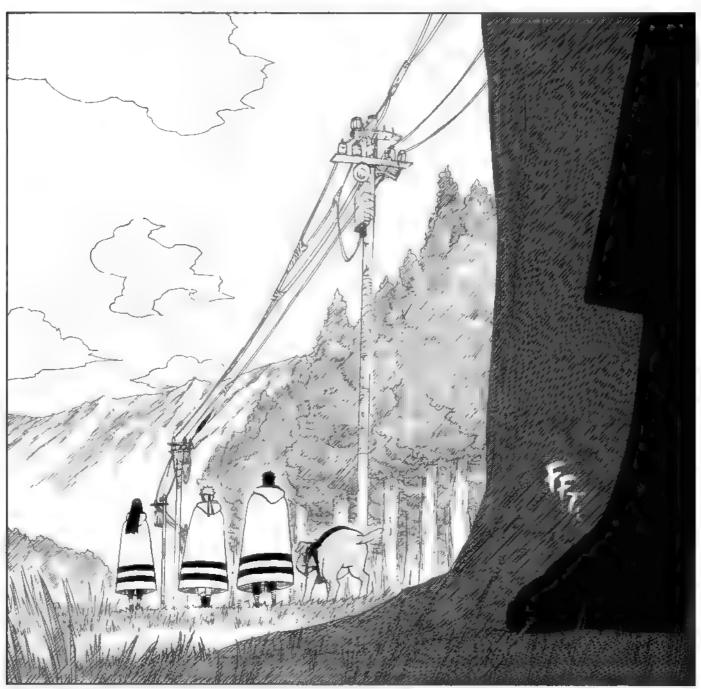




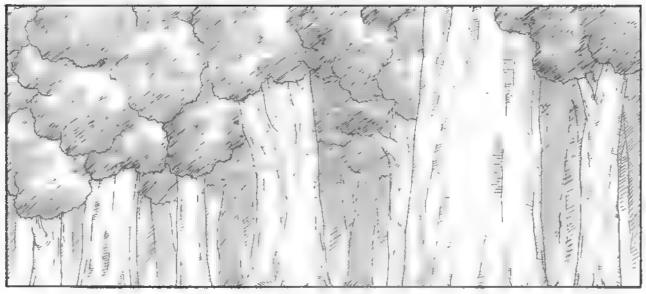
















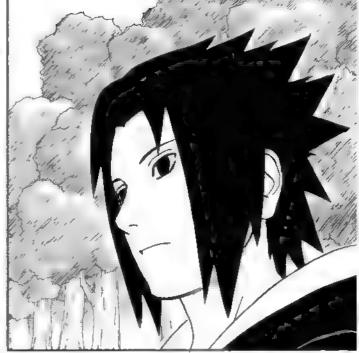


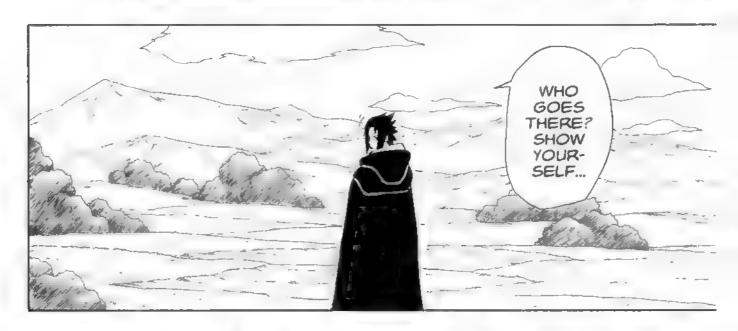


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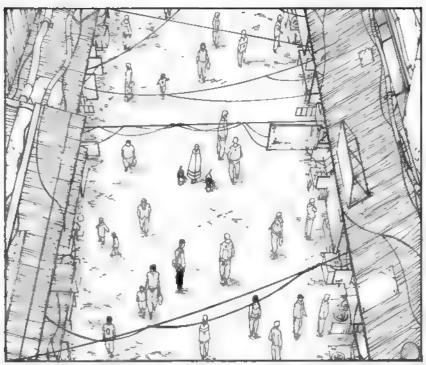


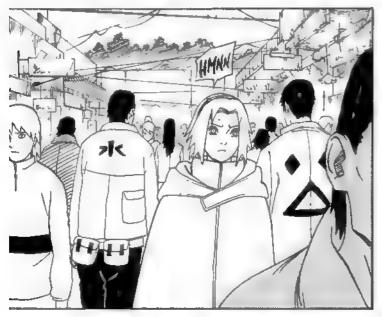










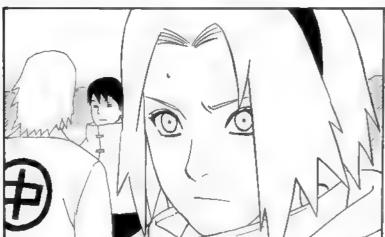






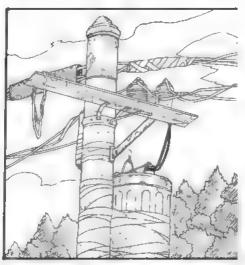


















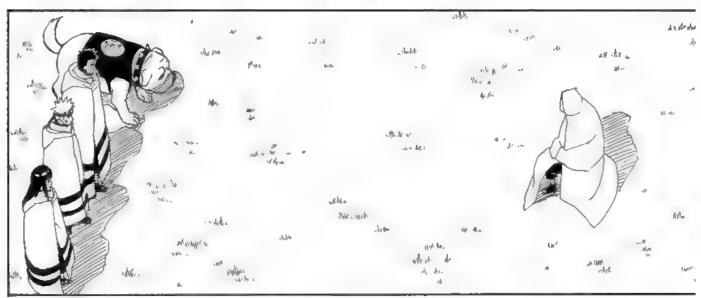


















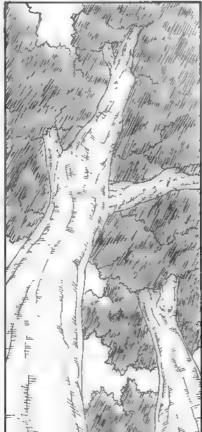




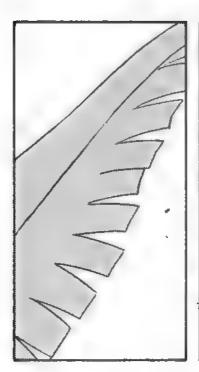


















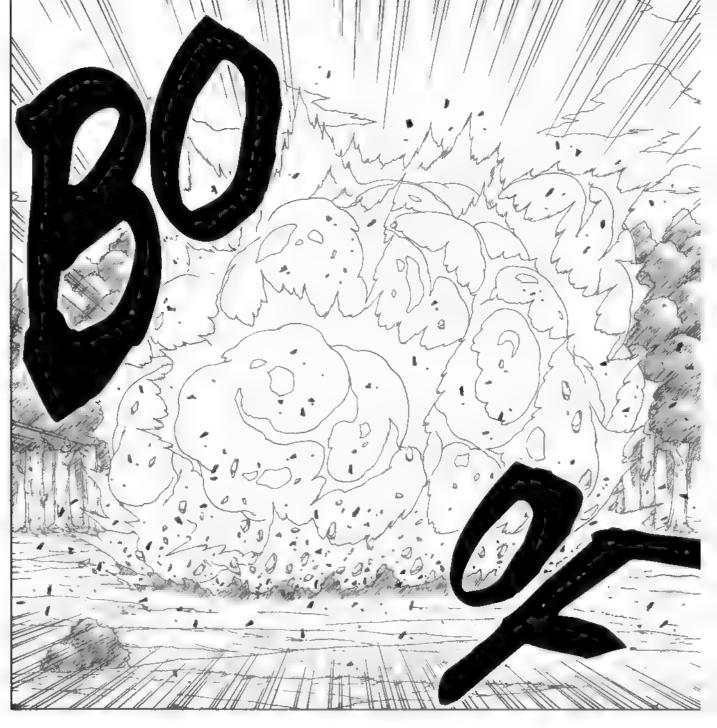






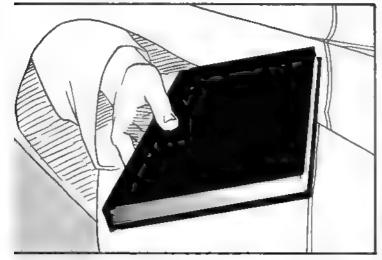




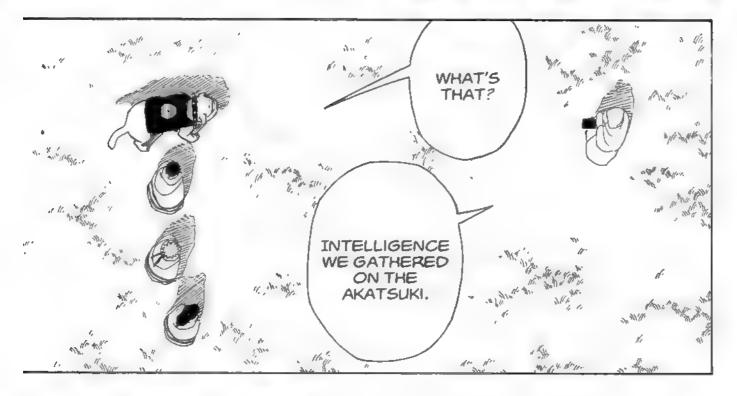








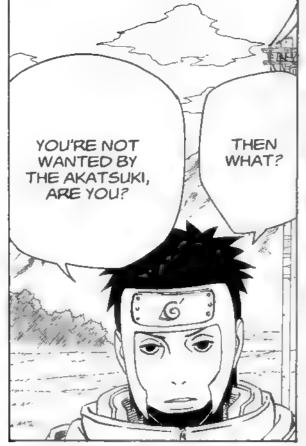










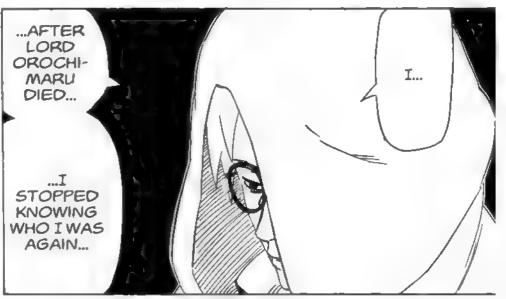












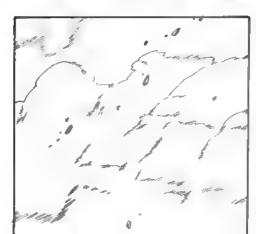




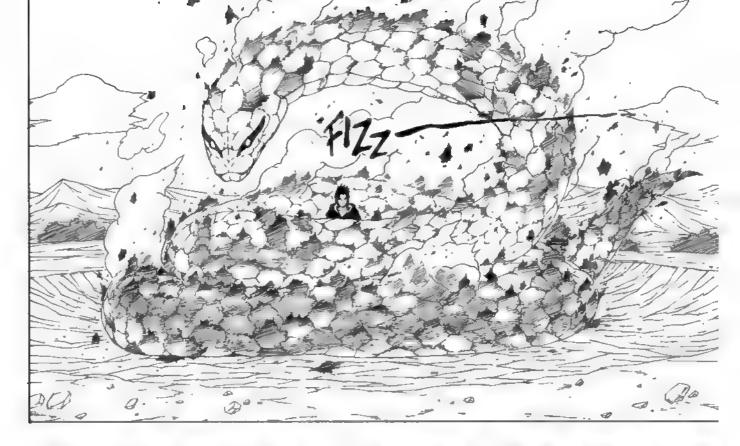




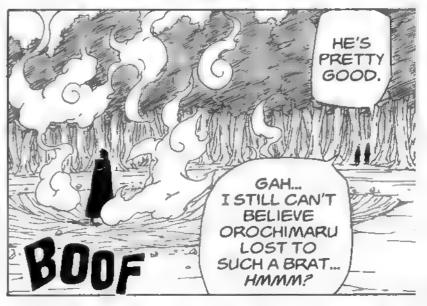






















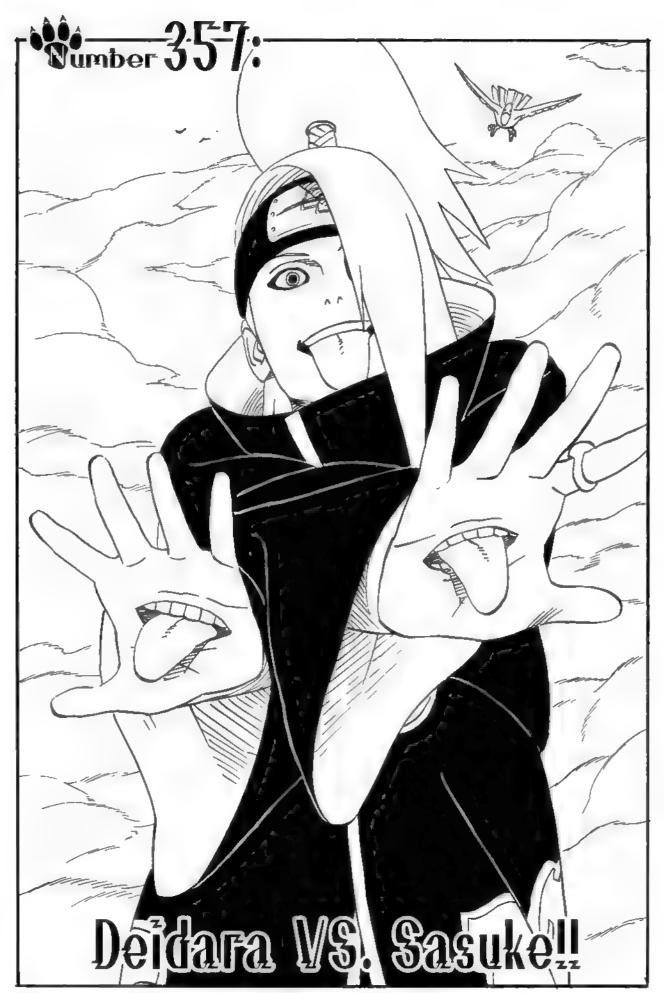


























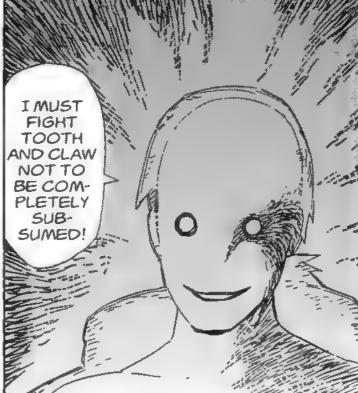


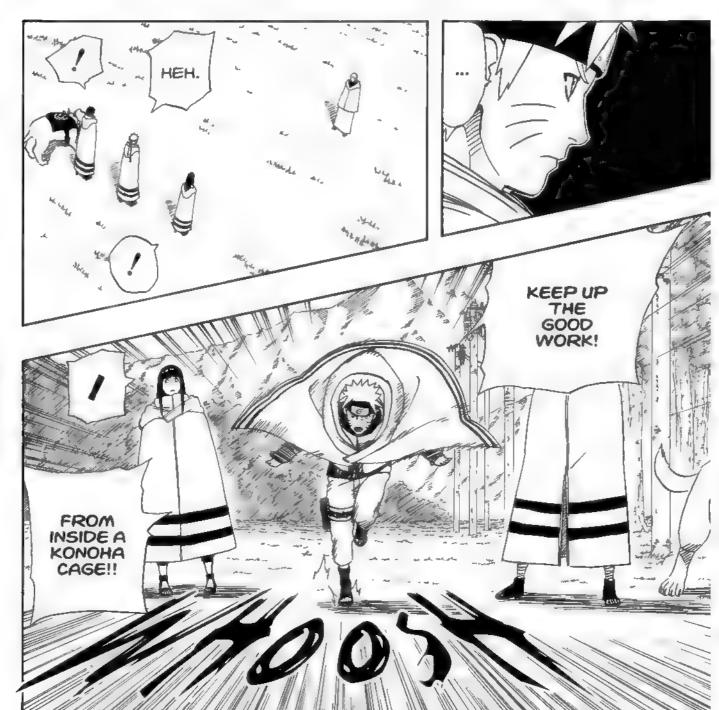








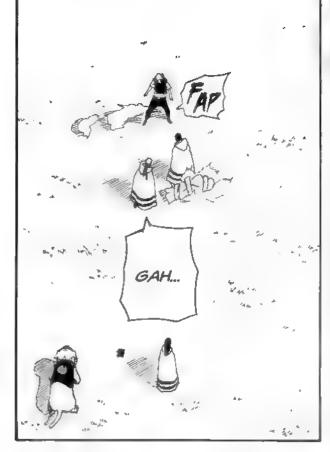




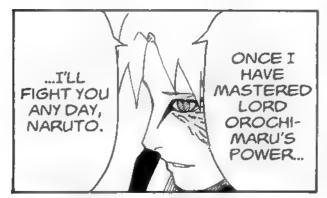


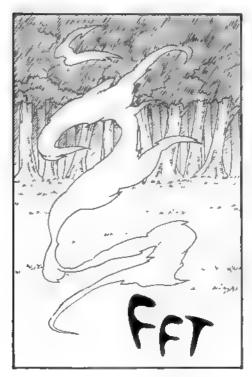










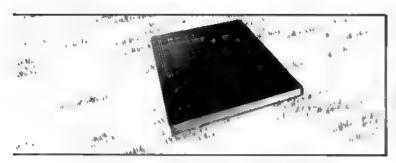




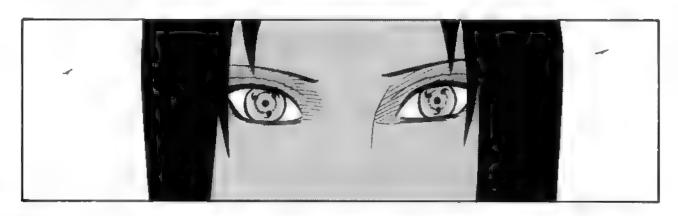


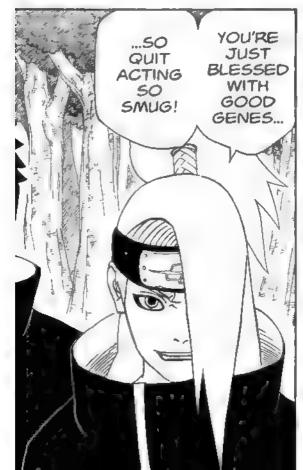








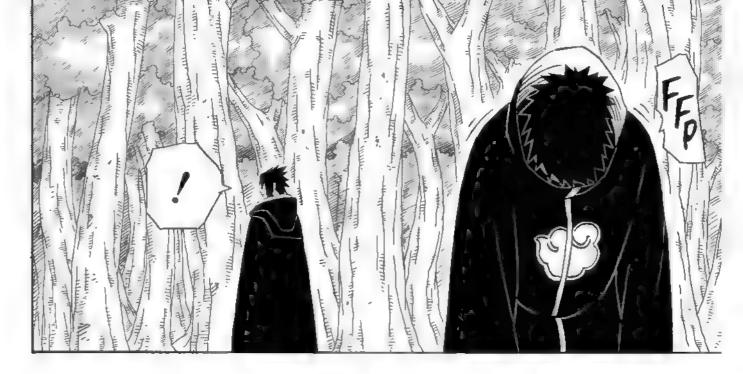


































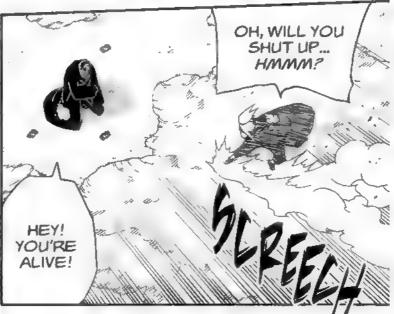




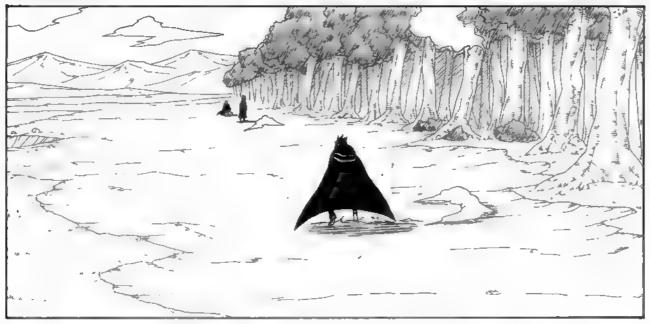


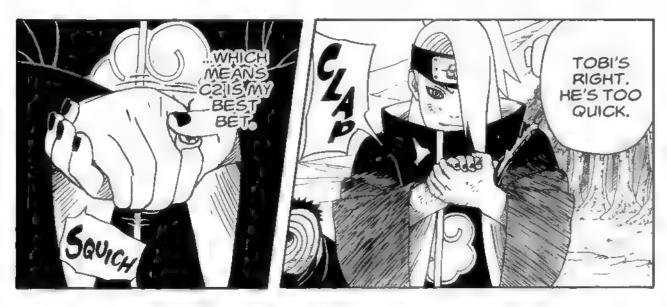








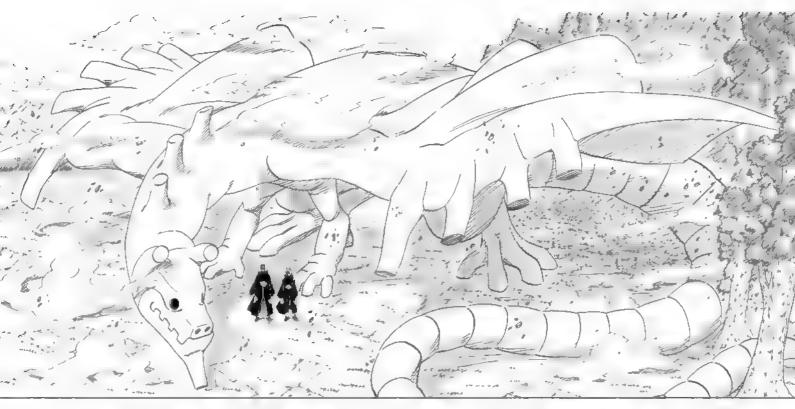




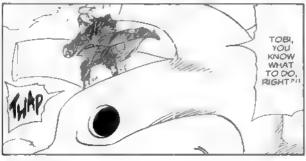






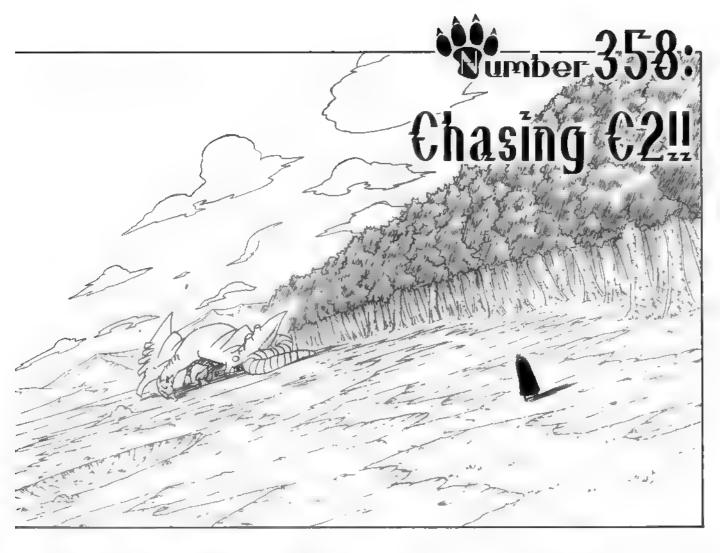








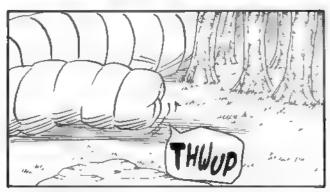


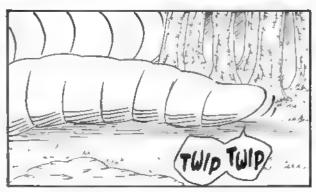












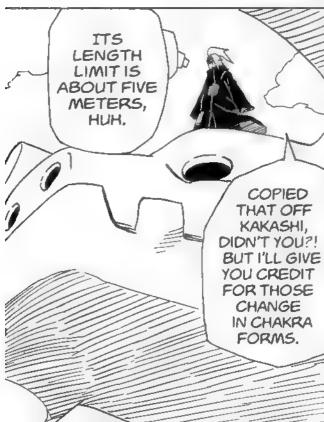


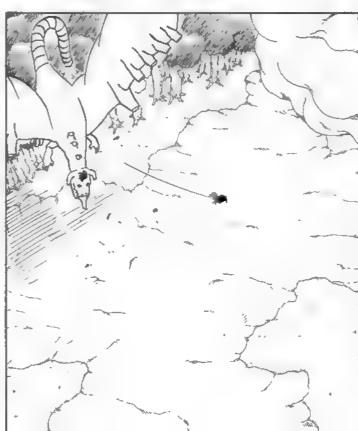




















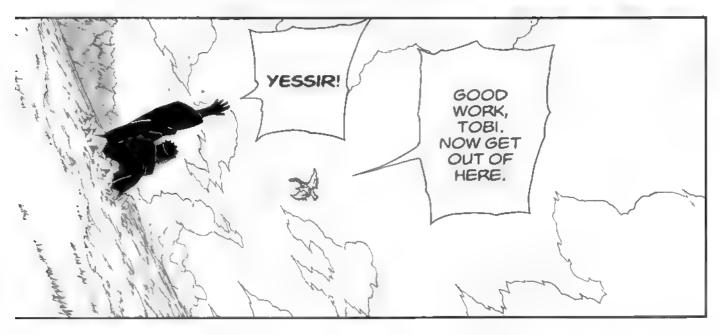


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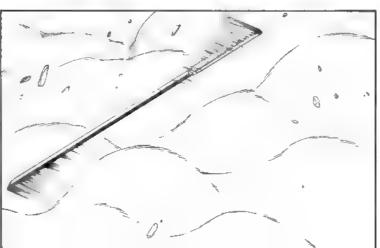




























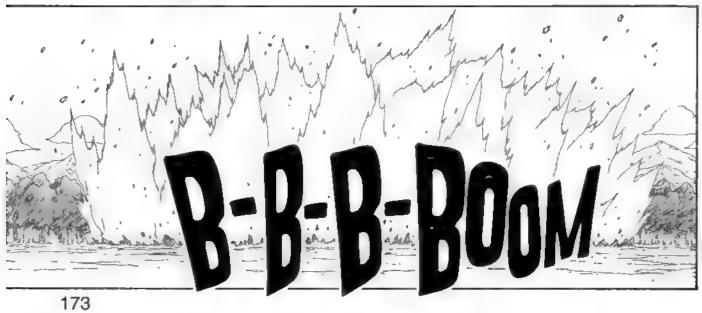












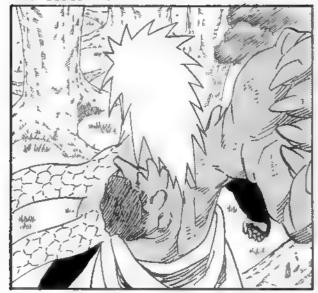


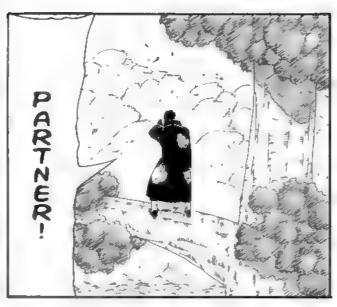


















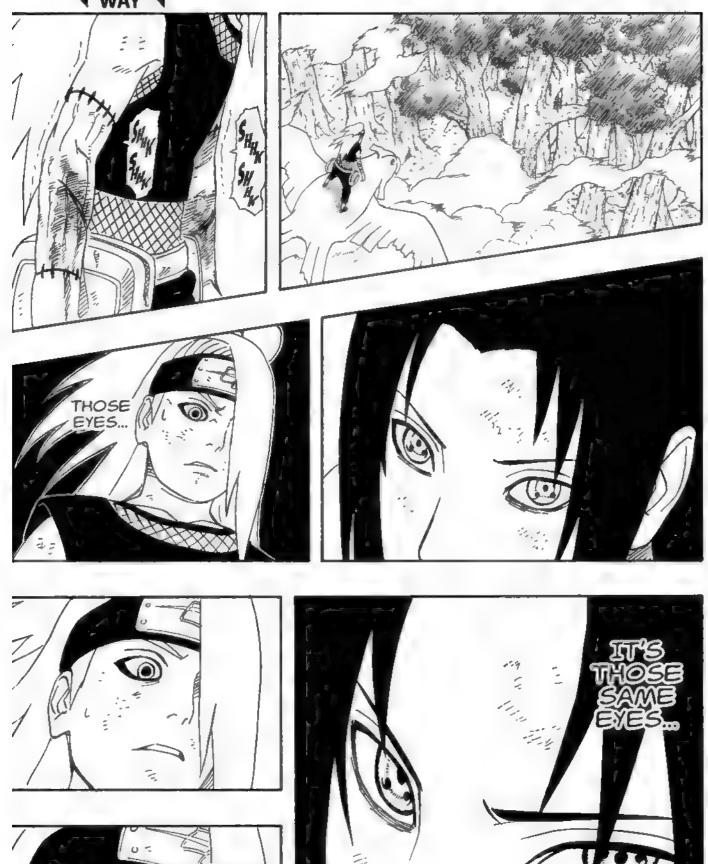






















I'M JUST TAKING COMMIS-SIONS TO CAUSE EX-PLOSIONS.

USING MY ART, HMMM?!



BUT MY ART GOES FAR BEYOND THIS AS WELL!

MY PIECES ARE VERSATILE! WHILE THEY HOLD SHAPE, THEY ARE MERELY OBJECTS, HMMM?!



WELL? SUCH CLEAN, REFINED LINES AND A FORM THAT PURSUES TWO-DIMENSIONAL





AND WHEN IT DOES, IT MAKES ITS EXISTENCE MORE SUBLIME AND FINALLY COMES FULLY INTO ITS OWN!



BUT THIS THING CAN ALSO EX-PLODE!





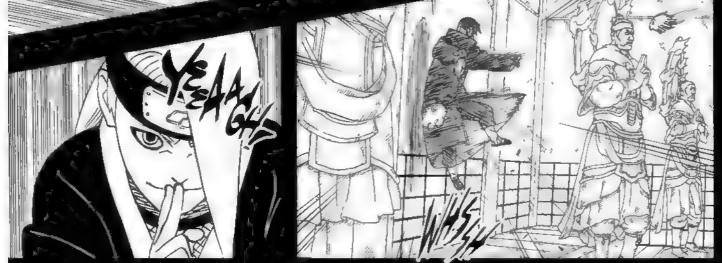


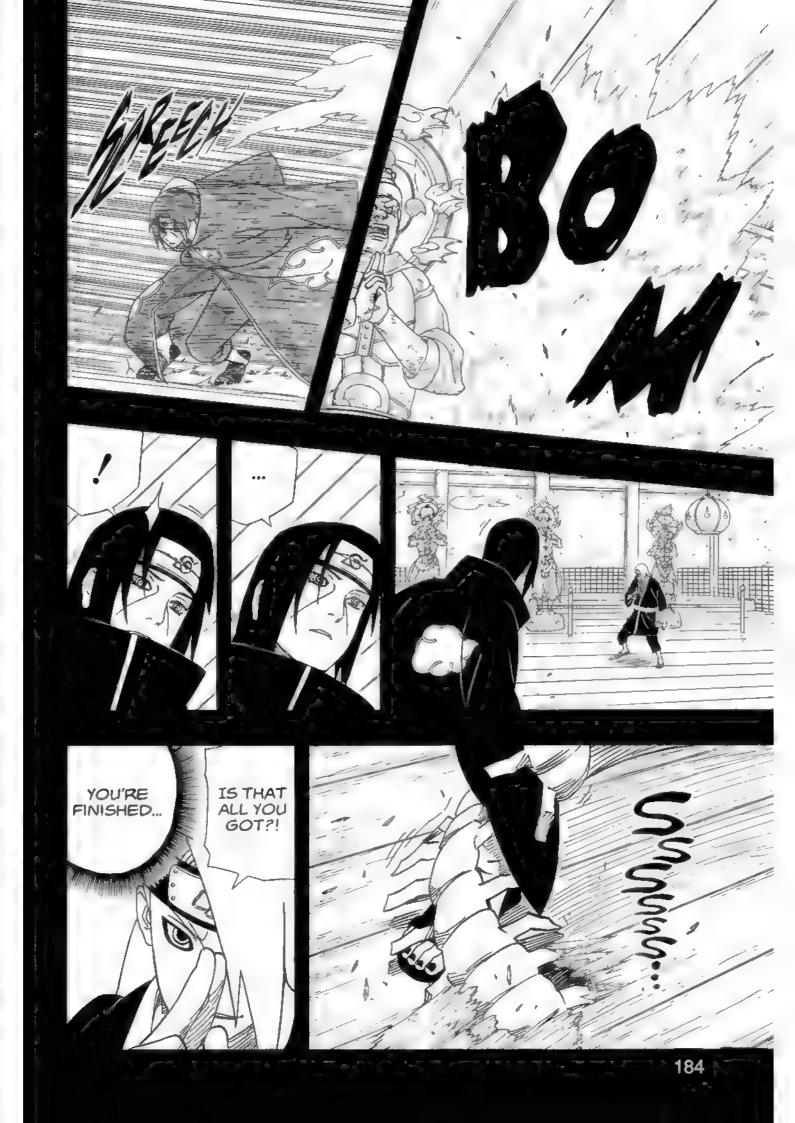
MY
NINJUTSU
IS
NOTHING
BUT
NOBLE,
REFINED
ART!
HMMM?!!

YOU MOCK ME...OR MY ART!

YOU WANNA FIGHT? WHAT'S UP WITH HIS EYES

IF I WIN, YOU'LL COME WITH US.









BETTER LOOK CLOSELY AT YOUR-SELF.





ITOLD YOU HE WOULD DIE AN EARLY DEATH...

THAT WAS CLOSE ... YOU WERE ABOUT TO BLOW YOUR-SELF UP.

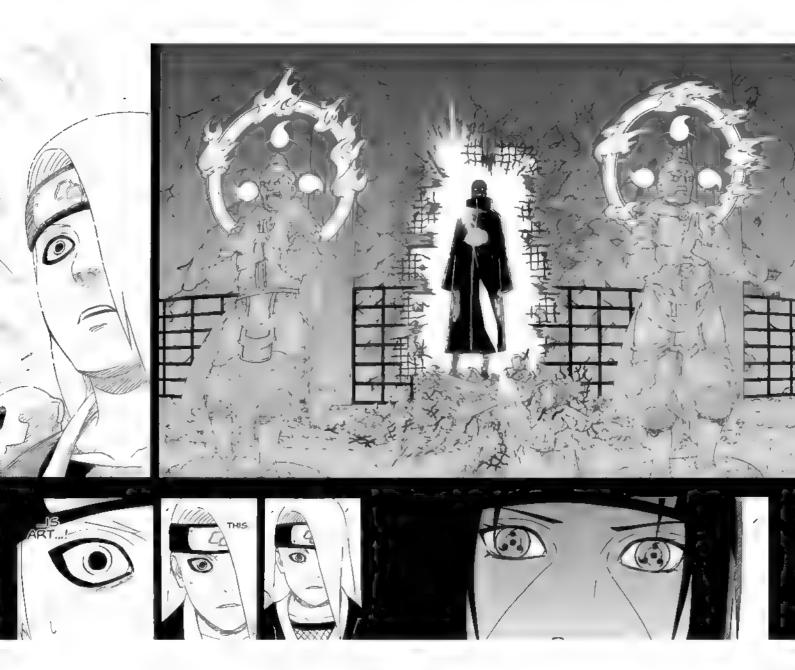






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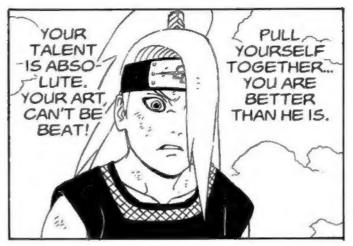
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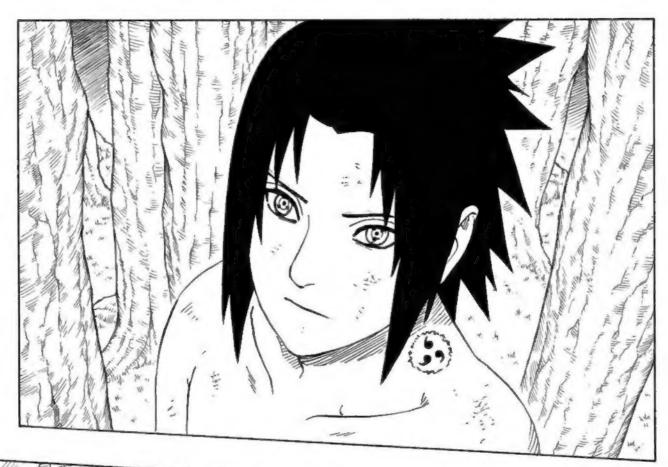


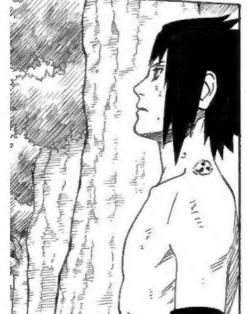


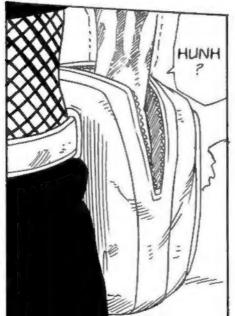




















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